

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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in Alaska shall complete an application for an oil and gas geophysical exploration permit. The application shall contain the following information:

- (a) The applicant's name and address;
- (b) The operator's name and address;
- (c) The contractor's name and address;
- (d) A description of lands involved by township and range, including a map or overlays showing the lands to be entered and affected;
- (e) The period of time when operations will be conducted; and
- (f) A plan for conducting the exploration operations.

The application shall be submitted, along with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25 (except where the exploration operations are to be conducted on a lease held by or on behalf of the lessee), to the District Manager of the proper BLM office.

§ 3152.2 Action on application.

(a) The authorized officer shall review each application and approve or disapprove it within 90 calendar days, unless compliance with statutory requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) delays this action. The applicant shall be notified promptly in writing of any such delay.

(b) The authorized officer shall include in each geophysical exploration permit terms and conditions deemed necessary to protect values, mineral resources, and nonmineral resources. Geophysical permits within National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska shall contain such reasonable conditions, restrictions and prohibitions as the authorized officer deems appropriate to mitigate adverse effects upon the surface resources of the Reserve and to satisfy the requirement of section 104(b) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6504) (See part 3130 for stipulations relating to the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska).

(c) An exploration permit shall become effective on the date specified by the authorized officer and shall expire 1 year thereafter.

(d) For lands subject to section 1008 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, exploration shall be

authorized only upon a determination that such activities can be conducted in a manner which is consistent with the purposes for which the affected area is managed under applicable law.

§ 3152.3 Renewal of exploration permit.

Upon application by the permittee and payment of a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25 (except where the exploration operations are to be conducted on a leasehold by or on behalf of the lessee), an exploration permit may be renewed for a period not to exceed 1 year.

§ 3152.4 Relinquishment of exploration permit.

Subject to the continued obligations of the permittee and the surety to comply with the terms and conditions of the exploration permit and the regulations, the permittee may relinquish an exploration permit for all or any portion of the lands covered by it. Such relinquishment shall be filed with the District Manager of the proper BLM office.

§ 3152.5 Modification of exploration permit.

(a) A permittee may request, and the authorized officer may approve a modification of an exploration permit.

(b) The authorized officer may, after consultation with the permittee, require modifications determined necessary.

§ 3152.6 Collection and submission of data.

(a) The permittee shall submit to the authorized officer all data and information obtained in carrying out the exploration plan.

(b) All information submitted under this section is subject to part 2 of this title, which sets forth the rules of the Department of the Interior relating to public availability of information contained in Departmental records, as provided at § 3100.4 of this chapter.

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§ 3152.7 Completion of operations.

(a) The permittee shall submit to the authorized officer a completion report